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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch Information Letter No: I-97-15

TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

**LIST OF HIGH COST MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
PREMIUM PAYMENT PROGRAM**

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 96-58, 95-82, 95-72, and 95-71, Medi-Cal  
Eligibility Procedures Manual Section 15A(6)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to distribute to county eligibility staff a list of high-cost medical conditions. Whenever county staff determine that a Medi-Cal recipient has one of these high-cost conditions and is, or could be, covered by a private or group health insurance policy, the recipient must be referred to the Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program.

**HIPP**

HIPP is a program within Medi-Cal that allows the Department of Health Services to pay health insurance premiums for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have access to cost-effective private health coverage. In this way, the cost of service is redirected to the insurance carrier.

If you have any questions regarding the list of high-cost conditions or the HIPP Program, please contact the Premium Payment Unit at 1-800-952-5294.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

## **MEDI-CAL**

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT (HIPP) PROGRAM**

**IF...**

any of your clients have one of these **MEDICAL CONDITIONS**, or any other medical condition that requires frequent or costly treatment;

**AND...**

the client has, or is eligible to apply for **HEALTH INSURANCE**

**PLEASE...**

Annotate the top of a completed **DHS6155** (Health Insurance Questionnaire) with the letters **HIPP**

**And if you have questions...**

**CALL THE PREMIUM PAYMENT UNIT AT  
1-800-952-5294**

#### **List of High Cost Medical Conditions:**

**AIDS**  
**Anorexia Nervosa**  
**Aplastic Anemia**  
**AIDS Related Complex (ARC)**  
**Arteriosclerosis**  
**Asthma**  
**Brain Tumors**  
**Bulimia**  
**Burkitt's Tumor**  
**Cancer (any site)**  
**Chronic Gastric Ulcer**  
**Cirrhosis of Liver**  
**Cystic Fibrosis**  
**Diabetes**  
**Down's Syndrome**  
**Ebstein's Anomaly**  
**Emphysema**  
**Epilepsy**  
**Heart Disease**  
**Hemiplegia**  
**HIV Infection**  
**HIV related Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP)**  
**Hodgkin's Disease**

**Hypoglycemia**  
**Kaposi's Sarcoma**  
**Kidney Disorders**  
**Leukemia**  
**Lymphomas**  
**Lupus**  
**Malignant Renal Disease**  
**Multiple Sclerosis**  
**Organ Transplant (any site)**  
**Osteoporosis**  
**Paralysis**  
**Parkinson's Disease**  
**Poliomyelitis**  
**Pregnancy**  
**Profound Retardation**  
**Pulmonary Tuberculosis**  
**Quadriplegia**  
**Reticulosarcoma**  
**Retinal Disorders**  
**Scoliosis**  
**Sickle-Cell Anemia**  
**Spina Bifida**